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## TOP STORY

### SAVING THE ANIMALS USPS UNVEILS NEW SEMIPOSTAL

Tigers. African and Asian elephants. Rhinos. Great apes. Marine turtles. USPS yesterday unveiled a stamp on Capitol Hill that could help save these species.

When issued in September, net proceeds from the sales of the *Save Vanishing Species* semipostal stamp will go to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to support its Multinational Species Conservation Funds.

The semipostal stamp is the fourth issued by the Postal Service. "These stamps provide an extremely convenient way for the American public to contribute to help protect threatened and vanishing species," says DPMG Ron Stroman. "We look forward to working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the coalition members to make this stamp a resounding success."

The Multinational Species Coalition — an alliance of 16 animal conservation groups with 15 million members representing conservationists, zoos, veterinarians, humane interests, circuses and sportsmen — has been created to support the funds designated by Congress. The Coalition also is committed to bringing greater attention to the *Save Vanishing Species* semipostal stamp to help raise money for its cause.

Revenue from sales of the semipostal will be divided among the African Elephant Conservation Fund, the Asian Elephant Conservation Fund, the Great Ape Conservation Fund, the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund, and the Marine Turtle Conservation Fund.

Five million stamp sheets will be printed initially and reprints will be based on customer demand. The stamp will sell for 55 cents each — 11 cents more than a First-Class Mail stamp — and \$11 for a sheet of 20.

Legislation creating the semipostal stamp was passed and signed into law last September as the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act of 2010.

To preorder the *Save Vanishing Species* stamps, go to [usps.com/shop](http://usps.com/shop). A *Save Vanishing Species* note card set also is available for preordering. The set contains 10 blank cards featuring the image of the stamp, 10 envelopes and 10 stamps for \$15.95.

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## BUSINESS FOCUS

### PREVENTING DOG ATTACKS NATIONAL DOG BITE PREVENTION WEEK BEGINS MAY 15

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The Postal Service continues its tradition of calling attention to one of the nation's most commonly reported public health problems — dog attacks and bites — when it kicks off National Dog Bite Prevention Week today in Houston, TX.

Houston, which tops the nationwide list of cities where the most dog attacks against letter carriers occurred last year, recorded 62 attacks involving letter carriers. Nationally, 5,669 postal employees last year were attacked in more than 1,400 cities. Yet that pales in comparison to the 4.7 million Americans bitten annually — the majority being children.

These statistics are part of the reason the Postal Service recognizes National Dog Bite Prevention Week, May 15-21.

"We often hear two comments relating to the Postal Service: 'The check is in the mail' and 'Don't worry, my dog won't bite'," says Matthew Lopez, Houston Postmaster. He adds that dog attacks are a nationwide issue and not just a postal problem. "Given the right circumstances, any dog can bite," he says.

Beyond the pain and suffering caused, medical expenses from dog attacks cost the Postal Service nearly \$1.2 million last year.

To spread the word that dog attacks are preventable, USPS is working with the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Veterinary Medical Association, and the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. Other organizations include the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons, the American Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery, Prevent The Bite, and the Insurance Information Institute.

Postal employees hosting National Dog Bite Prevention Week events in their communities will find a wealth of resources and information available in the May 5, 2011, [Postal Bulletin](#).



**Note:** Some readers' access to video may be limited or denied.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

*"Our employees are great. They care about their customers. They care about each other. They care about the company. They know we are facing tough circumstances, and they understand 'all hands on deck' means we need to all pull together to get things done."* — **Northern Virginia District Manager Michael Furey.**

## TIP OF THE DAY

**HELPFUL STEPS.** Small, specific changes in physical activity and caloric intake can make a big difference in weight management. According to the nonprofit foundation America On The Move, research shows that 90 percent of adults can prevent weight gain by increasing daily physical activity by just 2,000 steps and eating 100 fewer calories. Losing as little as 5 to 10 percent of total weight also can significantly improve your health. [Click here](#) to find ways to add 2,000 steps toward a healthier life.

## HEROES' CORNER

As Seattle, WA, Letter Carrier Ted Jamieson Jr. was delivered mail, he and a customer noticed smoke coming from a house on his route. The customer called 911 as Jamieson went to alert the elderly resident. Finding all the doors locked, Jamieson started to enter the home through the kitchen window, just as firefighters arrived. Emergency responders forced their way in and rescued the 92-year-old man.

Do you want to nominate an employee to be a hero? [Click here](#) for a copy of the nomination form.

## MAILBAG

**Diane Lott-Sisler, West Sacramento, CA:** As the wife of a retired service member, I was very pleased to see the *Purple Heart with Ribbon* Forever stamp issued ([Link](#), 5/6). This is another way the Postal Service continues to honor our men and women who serve in the military. Thank you USPS.

Have a question? A comment? Write to

## EMPLOYEE FOCUS

### VOE REMINDER JOIN THE CHORUS

Employees who have received a Voice of the Employee (VOE) survey this quarter still have time to participate — and join other employees who have told USPS how they view their jobs and the organization.

Each quarter, USPS surveys 25 percent of its career employees and uses their feedback to focus on areas that need improving.

The survey asks employees to express their opinions on eight USPS topics which provide feedback that supervisors and managers can use to build an engaged workforce, improve the workplace and help USPS meet its business challenges.

VOE feedback also helps paint a big picture of the organization. Without input of employees, the portrait is incomplete.

Join the tens of thousands of USPS career employees who have voiced their opinions on



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what it means to be a member of the postal team by taking time — on the clock — to answer the survey and sending it back.

Completed surveys must be mailed and in the hands of the independent contractor who compiles the information by May 23.

us at [uspslink@usps.gov](mailto:uspslink@usps.gov) or just hit the “Reply” key. Be sure to include your topic in the subject line.

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## POSTSCRIPTS

**FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF.** Sunday, May 15, is Peace Officers' Memorial Day, a time to honor police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Postal facilities scheduled to be open Sunday are required to fly the flag at half-staff. Managers at facilities that are closed Sunday should remember to lower their flags to half-staff or properly remove them when they close the previous business day. Return the flag to full staff on Monday, May 16.

When flown at half-staff, the flag should be hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be raised to the peak again before it's lowered for the day.



**IT SECURITY ALERT!** Today, IT will send security patches to ACE and Inspection Service computers nationwide.

Sites that are participating in the energy conservation program receive a daily popup message reminding users to turn off their computers at the end of their workday. Continue to follow that instruction. If your computer is on the network, IT will turn it on remotely and install the required security patches.

If you don't see the daily popup message, when you leave today you should save your work, close all programs, log off and leave your computer powered on. If no one is logged on to the computer, it will automatically reboot after the patches are installed. If a user is logged on, a reboot message will be displayed and the user will need to reboot the next time the machine is used.

Workstations or laptops that are not powered on or not connected to the network when the patch is deployed will receive it the next time they're connected to the network. In these cases, you'll be asked to reboot after installation is completed.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

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**More than  
50,000  
USPS employees  
are of Asian-  
American or  
Pacific Islander  
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